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Dear Abe:

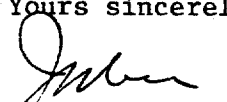
Thank you for your note of June 29. I have asked Rodney Nichols, Vice President at the University (212-360-1163), who is making the detailed arrangements, to get a confirmation fairly soon about the choice of dates and indications if there will be any problems about availability of people from any of the labs that you mentioned.

There was one line in your letter about the relationship of the Rockefeller University to Research Corporation that could be stated more precisely; and especially as the form of agreement of different universities with the Research Corporation may vary from place to place. The University's present agreement reserves to the University's own discretion, in any particular instance, whether to proceed with the Research Corporation or through other means. There will be many circumstances where Research Corporation would be a natural vehicle; others in which either the University's own interests or the social utility in the exploitation of an invention would be enhanced by some other, ad hoc arrangement. I suspect that this is closer to what you would have wanted to hear than some other possibilities that I could imagine.

I believe you have made a very wise choice of the people that you wish to confer with; and in the interest of my own intellectual enlightenment I will save as much time as I can myself during the period of your visit to have some advantage of your discussions.

We will be back to you again as soon as we can firm these arrangements; I am sure you will understand some delay that may be the result of summer trips on the part of some of the participants.

Yours sincerely,


Joshua Lederberg

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cc: Rodney Nichols